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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG, MOPS, XF  
SUBJ: TAPLINE STOPS PUMPING

1. TAPLINE REP MAHMUD YUSUF TOLD EMBOFF 11 JANUARY THAT TAPLINE ON 10 JANUARY OFFICIALLY HAD INFORMED THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT (PM AL-HUSS) VIA ITS VP FROM DHRAHAN MAJAD ELASS, THAT TAPLINE HAD STOPPED PUMPING CRUDE TO ITS REFINERY AT ZAHRANI (NEAR SAIDA) ON 12 DECEMBER. TAPLINE CITED AS REASONS ITS INABILITY TO CONTROL THE ADMINISTRATION OR PRODUCTION AT ZAHRANI DUE TO LABOR INCIDENTS BEING PERPETRATED BY A LOCAL EMPLOYEE NAMED AYUB SHAMI WHO IS THE HEAD OF THE TERMINAL LABOR UNION. ELASS HAD SAID PUMPING WOULD POSSIBLY RESUME IF THE LABOR SITUATION STABILIZED, SOMETHING WHICH DID NOT LOOK LIKE HAPPENING IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. YUSUF ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD INFORMED THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT THAT PUMPING HAD STOPPED. LACK OF CRUDE IN CONFIDENTIAL

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SOUTH LEBANON MAY AFFECT THE ABILITY OF SYRIAN FORCES IN LEBANON TO OBTAIN THE POL THEY NEED TO ACT EFFECTIVELY. SYRIA MAY EVENTUALLY HAVE TO START SENDING POL FOR ITS TROOPS IN LEBANON FROM THE REFINERY IN HOMS. YUSUF ALSO COMMENTED THAT THERE IS ENOUGH CRUDE STORED IN ZAHRANI TO SUPPLY IPC IN TRIPOLI UNTIL THE END OF JANUARY.

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